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"Transparent Multilayer Polypropylene  
Container with Barrier Protection"  
RCE of U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/901,427  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the patent application filed herewith. All references listed except FM, GS, GT and GV on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 were previously identified in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/293,401 filed April 16, 1999, the parent application(s) of the present application, and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of all other references cited are not submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of references. **A copy of only cited reference FM, GS, GT and GV are enclosed herein.** The Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully review the references in accordance with the requirements set out in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

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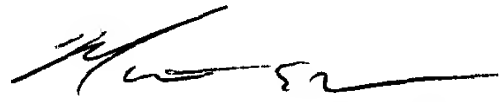
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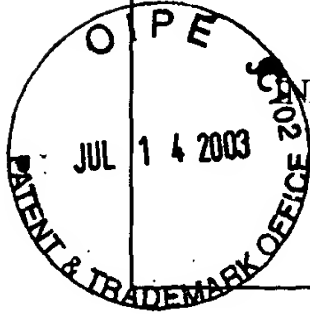
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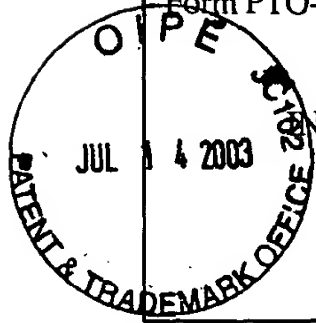
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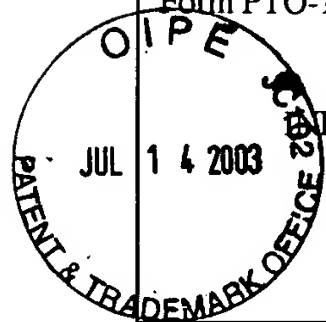
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